

SOUTH EASTERN VICTORIA REGION



Department of Education and
Early Childhood Development

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MEMORANDUM

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TO: ALL SEVR Staff

FROM: John Allman, Regional Director

DATE: 19 February 2014

SUBJECT: Latrobe Valley Mine Fires

Summary

Update on Gippsland Fires – Morwell and Goongerah

MORWELL

No doubt you will all be aware of the Latrobe Valley mine fires and the impact this is having across Morwell and surrounding areas.

Detailed information is going home to parents of both school and early childhood services in these areas regarding advice on health and the relocation of schools and services.

As from tomorrow the following will be relocating:

- Commercial Road Primary School – relocated to Newborough PS (Junior school), Newborough East PS (Senior school) and Moe (Elizabeth Street) PS (Middle school).
- Sacred Heart Primary School – possibly relocating to Lavalla Catholic College, Moe
- Berry Street School – Morwell Campus – closed until further notice.
- Maryvale Crescent Kindergarten – Closed today and relocate to Moe from next week.
- Dala Lidj Child Care Centre – Closed today and will determine options for next week.
- Good Start Early Learning, Morwell – relocating to either Traralgon, Warragul or Drouin depending on air quality.

Could staff please ensure they visit the EPA website www.epa.vic.gov.au/your-environment/air/bushfires-and-air-quality to determine if travelling within these areas is safe. This is updated regularly taking into account the wind changes. If you are unsure of a particular area you are visiting, please discuss with your Manager.

Updated information on school or early childhood service relocations will be on the VicEmergency website at www.emergency.vic.gov.au

The Department has arranged for all schools and early childhood services to have air monitoring undertaken within Morwell and surrounding area.

GOONGERAH/TUBBUT

Goongerah / Tubbut P-8 school site is still closed due to road inaccessibility. Students who are in a position to, are currently attending Bendoc Community Hall.

Goongerah ELC remains closed.

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